LOK SABHA

Tuesday, December 2, 1997/Agrahayana 11, 1919 (Saka)

The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE (Dumdum) : Suspend the Question Hour today also. Kindly invite them to the well also!

11.01 hrs.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, Shri Kapil Dev Shastri.

Shri Kapil Dev Shastri was a Member of Ninth Lok Sabha representing Sonepat Parliamentary Constituency of Haryana during 1989-91.

An able Parliamentarian, Shri Shastri was a member of Committee Official Language, Committee on Petitions, and Consultative Committee of Ministry of Communications in 1990.

A man of letters, he contributed many articles in newspapers on the issues relating to social evils. His publications include *Sarvakhap Panchayat* and *Mahatma Bhakta Phool Singh.*

An active social and political worker, Shri Shastri took keen interest in the movements against social evils and strived hard for the education of women and children.

Shri Kapil Dev Shastri passed away on 25 September, 1997 at Rohtak at the age of 75 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House will join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the deceased.

11.02 hrs.

The Members then stood in silence for a short while.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Silchar) : You have left out one name. Obituary Reference to the House also should be done!

[English]

11.02¼ hrs.

LETTERS RE: RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS — *Laid*

SECRETARY-GENERAL : I beg to lay on the Table a copy each of the following papers :-

(1) Letter dated the 28th November, 1997 from the Prime Minister (Shri I.K. Gujral) to the President tendering his own resignation and that of his Council of Ministers: and

[Placed in Library, *See* No. LT - 2434/97]

(2) Letter dated the 28th November, 1997 from the President to the Prime Minister (Shri I.K. Gujral) accepting his resignation and the resignation of his colleagues from the Council of Ministers and requesting him to continue in Office till alternative arrangements are made.

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SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA (Amritsar) : One minute silence for the dissolution!...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : You are acting like a boy!

11.02¾ hrs.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEES - A REVIEW

[English]

SECRETARY-GENERAL : I beg to lay on the Table (Hindi and English versions) of the "Financial Committees (1996-97) - A Review"

11.03 hrs.

COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES

Ninth Report

[English]

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (Hooghly) : I beg to present the Ninth Report (Hindi and English versions) of the Estimates Committee on action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in their Forty-Sixth Report (Tenth Lok Sabha) on Ministry of Surface Transport - Coastal Shipping.